

Friends 'N Stitches



**Great Lakes Region Retreat
April 28-30, 2023**

**Hosted by the
Town & Country Chapter
The Embroiderers' Guild of America**

**Kent State University
Hotel & Convention Center
Kent, Ohio**

An Invitation to Friends ‘N Stitches 2023

Dear GLR Stitches:

The Town & Country Chapter has members from all around Northeast Ohio, as well as friends across the United States that have joined us for one event or another. For those very reasons, our theme for the 2023 Spring Retreat of “**Friends ‘N Stitches**” is so appropriate.

As offered last year, we are providing the opportunity for you to join **your** friends to sit and stitch on your favorite pieces of what is commonly referred to as “Studio Time” over a three-day weekend of April 28, 29 & 30 of 2023. Stitch on a new project or a favorite project you have been meaning to complete. Enjoy the company of other stitchers while working at your own pace and taking breaks on your own schedule. Space will be provided for all three days for stitching – no teacher and no kit fee during stitch-in time – with all meals thrown in as well – all three days, for one low price!

Even though we’re not offering “classes”, we will be having periodic “**Flashes**” over the three days to give familiar (and maybe not familiar!) brief demonstrations that you may enjoy:

- Cord making
- Transferring patterns using sandpaper
- Joining Fireline with fire!
- Tassel making
- Using a laying tool
- Stripping floss
- What can you share?

Hope to see you in April!!!

The members of Town & Country Chapter

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Register online: <https://forms.gle/wym5YSWcV6cJsrxM6>
The Registration form can also be found on the GLR website: <https://ega-glr.org/seminars>

Because of Covid-19...

These policies, in addition to our normal policies, will be in force for the GLR retreat:

- Friends ‘N Stitches 2023 will occur unless a government mandate would force cancellation, or if EGA or the Great Lakes Region feel it is unsafe for us to gather in person.
- All State of Ohio and City of Kent mandates will be in effect.

Check <http://www.ega-glr.org> for further communication regarding Friends ‘N Stitches 2023.

Registration Information: Process and Instructions

Registration is open only to members of EGA (either member of a local chapter or member-at-large). Non-members may register for an additional \$50 (US Dollars) fee which provides a one-year at-large EGA membership, or with a chapter in GLR. All persons present in a Friends ‘N Stitches Stitch-in must be registered seminar participants.

Regular registration opens Saturday, October 8, 2022. All registrations will be processed first come/first served, according to the date received, not the postmark. Regular registration **closes December 31, 2022**. Any registrations received after December 31, 2022, must include a late-registration fee of \$50.

Registration form: To register, complete the form online here <https://forms.gle/wym5YSWcV6cJsrxM6> or via the link on the GLR website, <https://ega-glr.org/seminars>. You will receive a copy of your completed registration form via email; please save this for your records.

You may pay your registration fee online by credit/debit card or eCheck, or by mailing a check to the Registrar (see address below). All checks by mail will be confirmed as received by the Registrar.

Cancellations: Cancellation requests must be made to the Registrar no later than February 1, 2023. A refund, less a \$50 non-refundable registration fee, will be mailed by June 1, 2023. See complete cancellation policy on page 6 of this booklet.

Registration Fees: The three-day registration fee is \$249. Fees include all meals: three on Friday; three on Saturday; breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Checks for all payments must be **made payable to Town & Country EGA**.

Mail all forms, checks, and written questions to:
Pam Pechalk, 2023 GLR Registrar
3106 Aspen Lane
Twinsburg, OH 44087

Telephone with questions to (724) 816-3096.

Email questions to the registrar at pampechalk@gmail.com

Please put GLR Retreat 2023 in the subject line.

Hotel Registration



Friends ‘N Stitches GLR Retreat 2023 will be held at the

Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center

215 South Depewster Street, Kent, Ohio 44240

Phone: 330.346.0100 Toll Free: 855.353.4031

Make your room reservations with the hotel before midnight (EDT) or online at <https://kentstatehotel.com> by **Friday, March 24, 2023**

To receive the group rate of \$129 (plus taxes) per night, you ***must use the group code*** for booking rooms: **EGAGLR**.

At the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center, experience a boutique hotel with the quaint downtown destination to meet, dine, shop, stay and play within walking distance!

- Full-service Boutique Hotel with 90 Guest Rooms and 4 Suites
- LED TVs, iPod dock, free WiFi, refrigerators, microwaves, coffee/tea makers, blackout drapes/curtains, hair dryers, bathtub or showers, 24/7 fitness facility, in-door pool
- Roof-top Terrace and Street-side Patio
- Nominated 25 Most Impressive University Conference Centers and the Best 50 College Hotels

Visit www.kentstatehotel.com for further information and photos

NOTE: You must be a registered guest at the Kent State University Hotel to participate in the Friends ‘N Stitches GLR Retreat.

GLR Seminar/Retreat Cancellation Policy

Great Lakes Region Policies and Procedures Governance Seminar/Cancellation (09–2013)

- Canceling participant must send cancellation notification via email. The registrar will reply promptly.
- Cancellations received on or before January 30 of the seminar year will receive a refund less the non-refundable registration fee.
- Cancellations received 60 or more days (January 30 or earlier) prior to the opening of the seminar will incur a \$100 cancellation fee in addition to the non-refundable registration fee.
- Cancellations received 0-59 days (by February 1 or later) prior to the opening of the seminar will be reviewed by the region Executive Committee within 30 days of close of seminar.
- A full refund minus the non-refundable registration fee will be given in the event of the death of the registrant or a member of the immediate family, and acts of war regarding registrant's reassignment. Immediate family may include spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild or sibling. A partial refund may be granted in the event of serious illness of the registrant or an immediate family member, or a natural disaster preventing the registrant's attendance. Consideration in determining the amount of the refund shall be given to the costs incurred by the seminar.
- No refunds will be considered after 30 days of a close of seminar.
- In the event the Great Lakes Region cancels a class after students have been assigned, and a student chooses not to attend seminar, the seminar fee less the non-refundable registration fee will be reimbursed. Any travel costs the student has incurred are solely the responsibility of the student.

Name Tags

Many (if not all) of us have name tags in our stitching kits. We are asking everyone to bring a favorite name tag (or several) to share while at our Retreat. Please be sure at least your first name is large enough for the person next to you to read your name.

Special Events

Teachers' Showcase Friday, April 28 (all day)

Needlework instructors may reserve a table to display pieces they are offering to teach. This is a great way for participants to get ideas for projects to be taught in home chapters. Teachers' Showcase is a free event and we encourage current as well as up and coming teachers to participate.

Merchandise Night Saturday, April 29, 7:30–8:30 PM

Merchandise Night is one of the most popular events at seminar. You'll find designers, chapters, the GLR, local shops, teachers, and other vendors with tables stocked with everything you want, "need," and "can't live without." It is a great opportunity to see items that may not be available in your area. This event is also open to the public, so invite your friends! If you would like to be a vendor and sell at Merchandise Night, tables can be reserved for \$60 for a full table, \$30 for a half table, or \$25 for a chapter table.

Supplementary Lighting: Please observe EGA's new guideline regarding supplemental lights. Any lights brought into the classroom must be battery-operated with no cords attached. This guideline was adopted to accommodate contracts with hotels regarding use of electric lights and extension cords.

Volunteer Opportunities: If you can help (e.g. at Merchandise Night, meals, etc.), indicate interest on your registration form.

Opportunity Baskets: Tickets for the Great Lakes Region's annual fundraiser will be sold during the seminar. Participants place their tickets in bags attached to the items they hope to win. The drawings will take place during the Sunday, April 30 luncheon. All items available are donated by region chapters or members. Tickets will be sold during the Retreat and at Merchandise Night.

Additional GLR and Seminar 2021 items will also be available.

Important Dates:

December 31, 2022	Regular registration closes; last day without a late fee January 1, 2023. After this date, registration will be accepted with late fee as stated on page 4.
January 15, 2023	Registration confirmations sent
February 1, 2023	Last day for cancellations with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee
February 15, 2023	Balances due if any
March 24, 2023	Last day for hotel reservations at seminar group rate
April 28-30, 2023	Friends ‘N Stitches 2023 hosted by the Town & Country Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America

Event Schedule: Friends ‘N Stitches is a three-day event with stitch-ins each day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Check-in at Seminar headquarters will be open Thursday, April 27, from 6–8PM, and in the Stitch-In area Friday, April 28, from 8–11AM.

Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening
Thursday, April 27			Check-in 6-8:00
Friday, April 28 Check-in 8-11 am Stitch-in 8:30-11:30 am	Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	Stitch-In 1:30–4:30 pm	Teacher’s Showcase (all day) Cash Bar 6-6:30 Dinner 6:30-7:30 GLR Executive Committee & Chair Meeting 8-9:00 pm
Saturday, April 29 Stitch-In 8:30-11:30	GLR Annual Meeting 11:00 am Lunch 12:15 – 1:15 pm	Stitch-In 1:30–4:30 pm	Cash Bar 6-6:30 Dinner 6:30-7:30 Merchandise Night 7:30-8:30
Sunday, April 30 Stitch-in 8:30-11:30	Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm Opportunity Basket Drawing	Stitch-In 1:30–4:00 pm	Farewell and Safe Travels.

